

EDUCATION NEWS**WXXI THE LITTLE****FREE SCREENINGS & DISCUSSIONS**

WXXI is proud to host a neighborhood screening series that brings people together for community-driven conversations around films from the award-winning PBS Independent Lens. [Learn more: wxxi.org/events](https://wxxi.org/events)

Free for All: Inside the Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today’s librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

[Indie Lens Pop-Up presents this free screening:](#)
[Thursday, April 10 from 2-6pm](#)
[The Kate Gleason Auditorium of the Central Library of](#)
[Rochester & Monroe County](#)
[115 South Avenue, Rochester, NY](#)

- 2pm: Opening remarks by Emily Clasper, Director, MCLS and RPL
- 2:30pm: Screening of film
- 3:30-4pm: Q&A and Discussion of film
- 4-5pm: Tour of Library by Alicia Gunther, MCLS Librarian, including a visit to the Local History Division and a talk by Special Collections Librarian, Brandon Fess

Free for All: the Public Library airs 4/29 at 9PM on [WXXI-TV and Live Stream](#)

Monday, April 28 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.
At The Little Theatre, Theatre 1
240 East Avenue, Rochester, NY

Join WXXI at the Little Theatre for a Indie Lens Pop-up FREE screening of [Matter of the Mind: My Alzheimer's](#), a film by directed by Stanley Nelson, followed by a panel discussion. **About the Film:** *Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's* is an intimate portrayal of three families confronting the unique challenges of Alzheimer's and how this progressive neurodegenerative disease transforms roles and relationships. Whether it's a partner becoming a caregiver or an adult child shifting into being their parent's caretaker, these stories show how families evolve when a loved one is diagnosed.

My Alzheimer's airs 5/5 at 9PM on [WXXI-TV and Live Stream](#)

Digital Media Opportunities**ROCHESTER
TEEN FILM
FESTIVAL**

Teen Filmmakers: Submit Your Short Film for the Big Screen by **June 27th**. Individual or team submissions welcome. Finalists will be screened at the Little Theatre on August 7th. Cash awards and recognition in a real film festival. The festival draws local submissions and films from around the U.S. and world. Information, submission form, rules, film resources and prize descriptions at <https://wxxi.org/rfff>

Sponsored by: Daemen College and Full Measure

**Be a part of NPR's Student Podcast Challenge!**

We're inviting students around the country to create a podcast, then — with the help of a teacher — compete for a chance to win our grand prize and have your work featured on NPR.

This contest is for teachers with students between 4th and 12th grade. Submissions are due **May 2, 2025**.

Each podcast should be between 3 and 8 minutes long.

NPR's team of judges will review submissions and select a group of finalists. From there, one submission will be designated as the **Grand Prize winner**, and that individual or team will be featured on NPR's newsmagazines like *Morning Edition* or *All Things Considered*.

Podcast Tools & Tips for Getting Started:
wxxi.org/highlights/nprs-student-podcast-challenge/



New Animated PBS KIDS Series, SKILLSVILLE, Harnesses Gaming to Open a World of Possibilities

A dynamic PBS KIDS animated series created by Twin Cities PBS (TPT), will encourage kids ages 4-8 to “power up” the skills they need for future success by depicting the benefits of one of the most popular forms of media—video games to learn about careers.

Welcome to Skillsville! Meet Cora, Dev, and Rae. 8-year-old friends who love hanging out together. But when Cora’s game designer mom asks them to test out her new virtual reality video game, the three friends get to take their playtime to a whole new level. The game is called... Skillsville.

Learn More About Skillsville at <https://wxxi.org/highlights/skillsville-videos-games-and-songs/>

Watch Skillsville on PBS KIDS 24/7 at 5:30pm

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OfficialSkillsville/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/skillsvilleofficial

WXXI belongs to this community – A message from WXXI President & CEO Chris Hastings



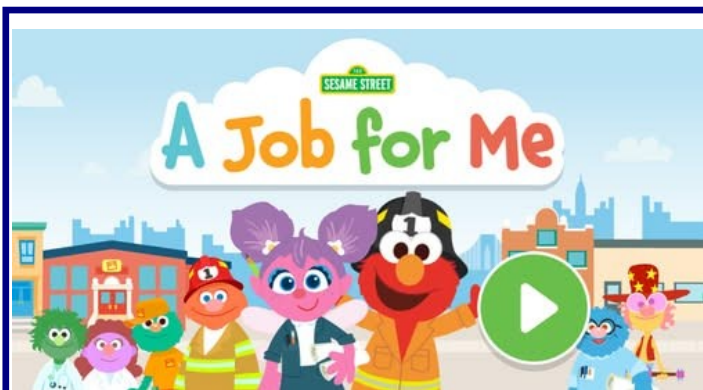
"WXXI belongs to this community — not to shareholders, not to advertisers, but to you.." [Read the full message about public media and federal funding.](#) from WXXI President & CEO Chris Hastings.



HUNDREDS OF GAMES FOR EVERYONE!

Every child is unique, and so are their favorite ways to play. The **free PBS KIDS Games App** has something for everyone in the family:

- **Love numbers?** Explore fun math games that make learning addition, subtraction, and more a blast. Check out [11 Fun Math Games From PBS KIDS](#).
- **Little bookworm?** Try games that build early reading skills, like learning letters, recognizing words, and creating stories. Check out [13 PBS KIDS Games for Reading and Storytelling](#).
- **Future scientist or engineer?** Dive into hands-on STEM adventures with science and engineering games your kids will love. Check out [14 PBS KIDS Games for Learning Science and Engineering](#).



Learn more about jobs with Elmo and Abby as they visit different locations in their neighborhood and try the tasks related to the jobs they see. Support young children by expanding their knowledge of the work that people do in their community by having them explore jobs and try some of the job activities through these interactive games from Sesame Street and PBS KIDS.

<https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/sesame-street-career-exploration-games/>

WXXI
THE LITTLE
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The goal of the Rochester Teen Film Festival is to honor the work of urban, suburban, and rural teen filmmakers and give young people an authentic opportunity to participate in a real film festival.



ROCHESTER TEEN FILM FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
AT THE LITTLE THEATRE

**SUBMISSIONS
-GUIDELINES-**

- Films to be created by high school teens (ages 13-18)
- All genres are welcome
- Videos must be appropriate for school-based audiences
- Videos cannot exceed 10 minutes

BE OUR NEXT GREAT FILMMAKER!

Awards and Judging

All submissions are judged by a jury and finalists will have their films shown at the Little Theatre. Filmmakers selected as part of this year's festival will also have a chance to earn one of the following four awards, each of which comes with a cash prize:

The Philip Seymour Hoffman Award
This award honors the life and legacy of the late Academy Award-winning actor and Fairport native. It is given to the teen whose film is chosen by the judges as "Best of Fest."

Alex Ketchek Award for Best Animated Film
Presented in memory of Alex Ketchek, a 2010 Rochester Teen Film Festival finalist who tragically passed away in 2013. Presented by the Ketchek family and Animatus Studio.

The Jack Garner Award for Best Director
This award is presented in memory of long time Rochester Teen Film Festival jury member and beloved national film critic, Jack Garner.

The Marilyn O'Connor Award
Marilyn O'Connor has been fighting for equity and justice throughout her life - and this award goes to the film that best addresses a social issue through the lens of compassion.

ENTRIES DUE JUNE 27

SUBMIT YOUR FILM WITH ENTRY FORM AT: WXXI.ORG/RTFF
FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION IS OPEN TO 13-18 YEAR OLDS





PBS LearningMedia™ includes thousands of PreK-12 classroom-ready, curriculum-targeted digital resources aligned to national and state standards. Resources are available based on some of your favorite PBS programs and locally produced content from around the state. Best of all, PBS LearningMedia is free for PreK-12 educators and students to use. ny.pbslearningmedia.org/

How Do Bees Pollinate Flowers?

Use this resource to show your class how bees pollinate flowers, and watch your students "bee" amazed by the vital role these pollinators play in nature! The fascinating world of bees and their essential contributions to our ecosystem are sure to get your students "buzzing" with excitement.

Can Soil Make or Break Our Food Future?

Unearth the science behind soil's vital role in feeding the world with this resource. Explore how soil health impacts our food systems, the microorganisms that are needed to maintain soil vitality, and processes like nutrient cycling and climate regulation. Ask your students to dig deep into the science of soil and discover their role in promoting sustainability and healthy soil conditions.



NEW [The Future of Nature](#) collection to show your students key economic, environmental, and judicial carbon reduction success stories — just in time for Earth Month. Explore the roles different helpers play — from [whales](#) to [urban landscaping](#) and beyond — when it comes to caring for our planet. Then, dive deeper into the skills, practices, and cross-cutting technologies that make these solutions possible!

Get Ready to Teach Earth Month: Inspire Hope and Student Engagement

Join PBS LearningMedia and KQED on **Tuesday, April 1 from 7-8pm ET for a one-hour webinar** where you'll explore how positive stories about the environment can engage the next generation of changemakers! You'll leave with resources that ignite hope and inspire action. This live event is perfect for grades 6-12 educators of all subjects!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Citizen Science for Your Classroom: Explore Cornell Bird Cams Lab

Ask your students to "flock" together as you bring the excitement of real-world science into your classroom with Cornell's Bird Cams, a fun and interactive citizen science project that encourages students to observe birds in their natural habitats. Engage your class in hands-on STEM learning as they explore animal behavior, ecology, life cycles, and human impact on the environment through live bird-cam footage and activities!

[WATCH NOW](#)

Explore the Outdoors (preK-2) Daily Activity from Teach Your Way



Daily Activities
Graphic
Organizations
Learning Activities
Observation Activities

And More:

[Explore the Outdoors Collection](#)

Explore More PBS LearningMedia Resources

[Learn About Monarch Butterflies \(3-12\)](#)

[Why Do We Have Different Seasons? \(6-12\)](#)

[Citizen Science: Track the Growth of a Lilac \(PreK-12\)](#)

[How to Garden with Native Plants | Year-Round Gardening \(6-12\)](#)

[Explore Spring with the Changing Seasons Collection \(PreK-2\)](#)

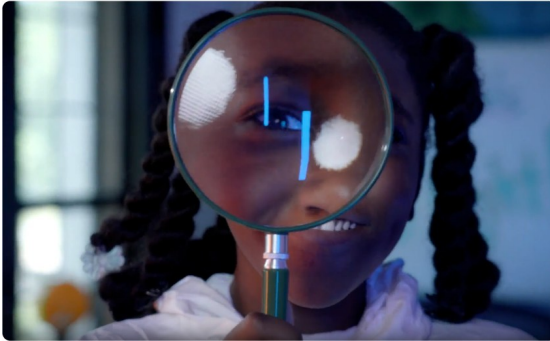
[How Do Trees Make Sap? \(3-5\)](#)

[Play Celebrating Spring Bingo \(1-2\)](#)

[Survival of the Cutest: Explore the Power of Being Cute | Wild Kratts \(K-5\)](#)



Inspiring the Next Generation of Engineers



Chip Kids Digital series provides explanations and hands-on explorations for the STEM concepts behind microchips (Grades 5-8) [Check out 7 Explorations](#)



[FREE EXERCISE: AMERICA'S STORY OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY](#) examines the history and meaning of the free exercise clause, and how it continues to shape America today. Explore the development of religious freedom in the United States as told first through the eyes of six faith communities – Quakers, Baptists, Black churches, Catholics, Mormons and Jews – then examining recent challenges. Designed for high school students, collection lessons include video segments from the series, discussion questions, vocabulary, and activities. <https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/free-exercise/>

[Advanced Video Production Techniques](#) Learn about the pre-production process of storyboarding before recording a video to create your best product.



Learning All About AI



[Crash Course: Artificial Intelligence](#) (9-12): 20 short episodes that explore the world of AI to learn how it works and potential uses for the future.



[AI Voice Assistant](#)- Ruff Ruffman Humble Genius: (3-5) Watch Ruff and Lupine make plans with the help of an AI voice assistant in this animated video about media literacy.

[A.I. Revolution](#). (6-12) NOVA: AI technology enables computers to learn from experience and solve problems on their own



GREAT MIGRATIONS: A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE - tells the story of African American movement over the 20th and 21st centuries, and how it has shaped our nation by exploring the meaning behind those movements. Watch Here: <https://www.pbs.org/show/great-migrations-a-people-on-the-move/>

PBS LearningMedia Collection: <https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/great-migrations/>



FOR PARENTS

PBS KIDS for Parents in Spanish! PBS Kids para Padres en español!

[PBS KIDS for Parents](#) is a website that provides valuable information and resources to help raise happy, healthy, smart and kind kids. In an effort to provide inclusive, relatable, and valuable content to families of all backgrounds, PBS KIDS has a Spanish version of the site.

[PBS KIDS](#) para padres es un sitio web que proporciona información y recursos valiosos para ayudar a criar niños felices, saludables, inteligentes y amables. En un esfuerzo por ofrecer un contenido inclusivo, relevante y valioso para las familias de todos los orígenes, PBS KIDS ha lanzado recientemente una versión en español del sitio web. Compruébelo en

In the Key of Z: Classical: Illuminating the future of classical music in our community by celebrating emerging young talent in the Rochester region

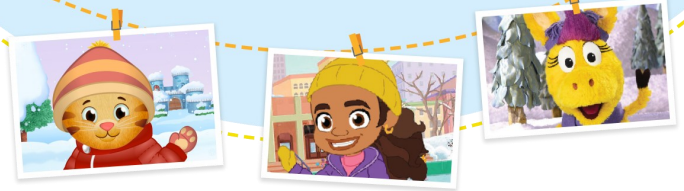


Watch the young musicians here and get to know why they took classical music and what it means in their lives.
<https://wxxi.org/projects/in-the-key-of-z-classical/>

[Mystery League](#) is a new live-action series that teaches kids in kindergarten through second grades about friendship and community. This series features three fifth-grade detectives - Millie, Mike and Marta - as they solve the never-ending mysteries of the fictional small Arkansas town of Mulberry Springs. Each episode features relevant storylines that encourage Arkansas kids to problem solve and build relationships. To watch episodes, play games, download learning resources and learn more, visit our [Mystery League Page](#)



News from the Neighborhood



Donkey Hodie: 4 new episodes **April 14-17**

A new **Donkey Hodie** character makes his debut on [April 14!](#) Inspired by Jeff Erlanger's iconic visit to Mister Rogers' Neighborhood in 1981, **Jeff Mouse** is an intrepid explorer, lover of nature, always resourceful, and prepared for an adventure. In episode 222, join Jeff and the pals as they search for a hard-to-find moth

Alma's Way: 3 new episodes **April 28-30**

What happens when the Wild Kratts receive an overload of calls for creature rescues? Tune in to the new WILD KRATTS' movie, **ACTIVATE KID POWER**, to find out how Wild Kratts Kids help the brothers when their creature power capacity fails. For more super Earth Day fun, watch the premiere of **NATURE CAT'S NATURE-TASTIC FOUR MOVIE**.

Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with new **CARL THE COLLECTOR** episodes premiering across broadcast and digital streaming platforms. New episodes of **DONKEY HODIE**, **ELINOR WONDERS WHY**, and **SESAME STREET** round out the April offerings.

Seasonal episodes of **DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD**, **ARTHUR**, **CURIOUS GEORGE**, **ROSIE'S RULES**, and other PBS KIDS favorites will be available to highlight key April milestones, such as Autism Acceptance Month and Earth Day.

[Check listings for dates and times](#)

Rooster and his barnyard friends go on musical adventures about friendship, fun, and jazz. These 3-minute stories highlight styles of jazz, musical concepts, as well as preschool-friendly experiences, each featuring an original song.



Each Acoustic Rooster: Jazzy Jams short is 3 minutes long and features a fresh adventure for Acoustic Rooster and his musically talented friends as well as an original song.

Check out the first short, Rooster's Old MacDonald Song on pbskids.org and the [PBS KIDS YouTube channel!](#) The second short will rollout April 11 with the remaining rolling out weekly beginning May 9.

FAMILY NIGHT—WXXI KIDS 24/7 PROGRAMMING STREAMING & ON-AIR

On TV & Cable: WXXI-TV 21.4: Cable 1277
 Live Stream & Schedule at: <https://wxxi.org/stations/wxxi-kids-24-7/>

RELATED GAMES, ACTIVITIES & ON-DEMAND VIDEOS: <https://wxxi.org/education/#PBSKIDSResources>

Saturday, April 5, 2025		Saturday, April 12, 2025		Saturday, April 19, 2025		Saturday, April 26, 2025	
Dinosaur Train Marathon		Swing Into Spring Movies		Earth Day Collection		Brambletown and Wild Kratts	
6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	6:00 PM	Wild Kratts
6:30 PM	Ready Jet Go!	6:30 PM	Ready Jet Go!	6:30 PM	Ready Jet Go!	6:30 PM	Ready Jet Go!
7:00 PM	Dinosaur Train: Nature Trackers Adventure Camp	7:00 PM	Curious George 4: Royal Monkey	7:00 PM	The Nature-tastic Four Movie	7:00 PM	Brambletown
7:30 PM		7:30 PM		7:30 PM			
8:00 PM		8:00 PM		8:00 PM		Nature Cat's Nature Movie Extraordinaire	
8:30 PM	Dinosaur Train: What's at the Center of the Earth?	8:30 PM	The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Camping!	8:30 PM		8:30 PM	Wild Kratts: Activate Kid Power
9:00 PM		9:00 PM		9:00 PM			
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NEW—WXXI KIDS 24/7 LINE UP PROGRAMMING STREAMING & ON-AIR

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WXXI KIDS 24/7		
	Monday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
6:00 AM	Clifford The Big Red Dog	The Cat In the Hat Knows A lot About That
6:30 AM	Sesame Street	Dinosaur Train
7:00 AM	Pinkalicious and Peterrific	Pinkalicious and Peterrific
7:30 AM	<i>MECHA BUILDERS</i>	Peg + Cat
8:00 AM	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
8:30 AM	Milo	Milo
9:00 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
9:30 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
10:00 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
10:30 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
11:00 AM	<i>Carl The Collector</i>	<i>Carl The Collector</i>
11:30 AM	Curious George	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
12:00 PM	Donkey Hodie	Donkey Hodie
12:30 PM	Donkey Hodie	Elinor Wonders Why
1:00 PM	Elinor Wonders Why	Super Why!
1:30 PM	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
2:00 PM	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
2:30 PM	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
3:00 PM	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
3:30 PM	Alma's Way	Molly of Denali
4:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla In the Loop
4:30 PM	Arthur	Arthur
5:00 PM	Odd Squad	Odd Squad
5:30 PM	NEW—SKILLSVILLE	NEW—SKILLSVILLE
6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:30 PM	Wild Kratts	Ready Jet Go!
7:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	WXXI/PBS KIDS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY and SUNDAY AT 7-9P.M.
7:30 PM	Nature Cat	
8:00 PM	Molly of Denali	
8:30 PM	Hero Elementary	
9:00 PM	Cyberchase	Cyberchase
9:30 PM	Let's Go Luna	Let's Go Luna!

Beginning at 10 p.m.—Programs repeat from 2 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

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BE A TEACHER AMBASSADOR!

PAID SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATORS

The New York State Department of Labor's Teacher Ambassador Program offers a unique, **paid opportunity for teachers, librarians, and counselors in grades 6-12!** This four-week summer training program focuses on developing and implementing 21st-century career-readiness curricula in your district.

As a participant, you will gain insights into the NYSDOL's operations, workforce development programs, and labor market data. You'll also engage in professional development activities, business immersions, and develop collaborative lesson plans. The program aims to integrate classroom instruction with career exploration, benefiting educators and students alike. Spots are available across New York State.

For more details, application information, and educator testimonials, visit dol.ny.gov/teacher-ambassador-program.



Join our Teacher Ambassador Program Facebook group:

- Network with other educators
- Explore career-readiness strategies for your students
- Receive the latest resources from NYSDOL





WXXI KIDS PROGRAMMING STREAMING & ON-AIR

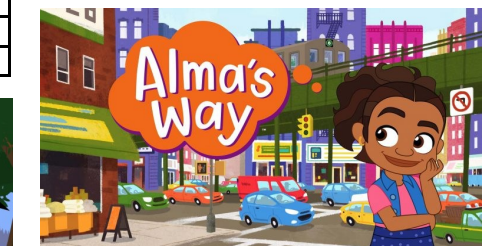
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LINE-UP FOR WXXI-TV

WXXI TV	
Arthur	6:00 AM
Odd Squad	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Alma's Way	7:30 AM
Lyla In The Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9:00 AM
Rosie's Rules	9:30 AM
Sesame Street	10:00 AM
Work It Out Wombats!	10:30 AM
Donkey Hodie	11:00 AM
Pinkalicious & Peterrific	11:30 AM
Eleanor Wonder's Why	12:00 PM
Nature Cat	12:30 PM
Molly of Denali	1:00 PM
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	1:30 PM



WXXI-TV on Saturday

Mr. Rogers Neighborhood	6:00 AM
Arthur	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Alma's Way	7:30 AM
Lyla in the Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9 AM

WXXI-TV on Sunday

Mr. Rogers Neighborhood	6:00 AM
Arthur	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Alma's Way	7:30 AM
Lyla in the Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9 :00 AM
Rosie's Rules	9:30 AM
Sesame Street	10 AM
Work It Out Wombats!	10:30 AM

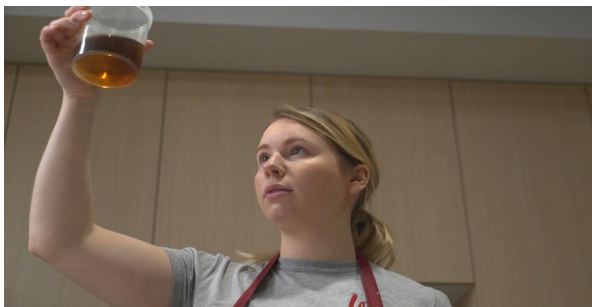




American Graduate: Getting to Work is a national multimedia initiative to show **students, parents & educators** the kinds of hands-on, well-paying jobs available in the region’s high-demand sectors. Short **video segments and career exploration resources** show career pathways including high school career training, paid on the job training, apprenticeships, and certificate or associates degrees.

Sectors include:

- Optics, Photonics and Imaging Sector
- Agriculture and Food Production Sector
- Next Generation Manufacturing and Technology
- Healthcare Industries
- Trades and More....



Career Profile Videos & Resources <http://wxxi.org/grad>

Assign students to search Career Sectors, Salaries, and Training Requirements for the Careers in the Region:

<http://wxxi.org/grad/careercoach>

&

<https://monroecc.lightcastcc.com/browse-careers?region=Rochester,%20NY&radius=>

WXXI's American Graduate Initiative:

<http://wxxi.org/grad>

Cradle to Career

WXXI is dedicated to building awareness of the national and local issues that lead to student success cradle to career.

- Check out Local Getting to Work career videos
- **Access On-Demand Programming**
<http://wxxi.org/grad/>
- Connect with Community Resources

Learn about WXXI's Education Resources for Teachers & Students

- wxxi.org/education/
- facebook.com/wxxikids
- facebook.com/wxxieducation
- <http://X.com/edoutreach21>



Ideas for All: Building A Better Future

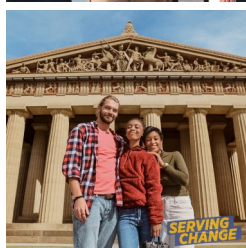
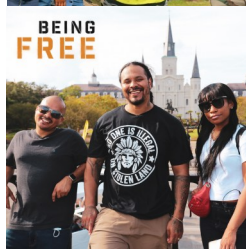


[Episode 2: Equal Access from All Sides](#)



[Episode 1: Reclaiming Our Roots | Ideas for All](#)

ROADTRIP NATION



wxxi.org/highlights/native-forward-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/



wxxi.org/highlights/caring-forward-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/



<https://wxxi.org/highlights/skill-shift-on-demand/>



roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/dallas-houston-documentary

WXXI ON-DEMAND CAREER EXPLORATION RESOURCES

Watch All Shows:

<https://video.wxxi.org/show/roadtrip-nation/>

EMPOWERED STATE (4/30 minute programs) Electric planes. Towns powered by waterfalls. Offshore wind farms. This isn't the far-off future of clean energy—it's what's happening right now in New York State. Join three New Yorkers as they explore the clean energy revolution taking place in their backyard

<https://wxxi.org/highlights/empowered-state-on-demand/>

Chip In—(2/30 minute programs) Semiconductor chips may be tiny, but they have a giant impact on the world around us. They power how we communicate, travel, entertain ourselves, and live our daily lives. Follow three young people as they explore the huge, future-focused, and exciting world of microelectronics.

<https://wxxi.org/highlights/empowered-state-on-demand/>

Changemakers—(1/60 minute program)—As the world keeps evolving, so do the tools we can use to bring about positive change—and that change starts with everyday people just like you. Follow three young adults eager to find innovative work with a social impact, and explore how inspiring professionals help change the world every time they punch the clock.

<https://wxxi.org/highlights/changemakers-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/>

Being Free—(1/60 minute program) -Your past doesn't have to determine your future—a comeback is possible. Follow three system-impacted people as they gain insight from others who've left the carceral system and found fulfilling career paths.

<https://wxxi.org/highlights/being-free-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/>

Serving Change (3/30 minute programs) - How to change the world for the better—but is it possible to turn that desire to serve the common good into a stable and fulfilling career? Follow three young people as they explore careers in the public service sector.

<https://wxxi.org/highlights/serving-change-ondemand/>

HIGHLIGHTS

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[America the Bountiful \(Season 2\)](#) - starting Saturdays 4/5 at 2 p.m.—America the Bountiful takes viewers on a weekly journey into America's heartland to learn about culture and find inspiration in the personal, emotionally moving chronicles of farmers, artisans, restaurateurs, and home cooks through the fare that they grow, produce, and eat. Host Capri Cafaro meets guests who share culturally diverse and untold food stories and traditions.



[Going Your Way](#) airs 4/5 at 3 p.m.—focuses on the personal, medical, and spiritual issues surrounding end-of-life care, the options available, and steps that can be taken to put those wishes to practical use. The documentary's title highlights the active role many people are now taking to ensure their death goes according to their own plans and wishes. End-of-life planning doesn't have to be painful. We'll learn from the experts and real people who have stories to share about preparing for life and death.



[The Piping Plovers of Moonlight Bay](#) airs 4/10 at 3 p.m.—The Piping Plovers of Moonlight Bay is a captivating documentary that follows a pair of courageous Piping Plovers and their blended brood of chicks. Raising tiny, marshmallow-sized baby birds on a crowded urban beach is a perilous occupation and the family overcomes many life-threatening obstacles in this heartwarming film about adaptation, survival and conservation.



[Letters from Brno](#) airs 4/14 at 9 p.m.—The powerful story of parental love and unspeakable sacrifice during the Holocaust. In an expansive 45-year search for clues to her mother's hidden past, a daughter uncovers the tragic fate of her grandparents through their letters written during the brutal Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia.



[The Corridors of Power](#) airs 4/14 at 10 p.m.—What happens in the White House when reports arrive of foreign leaders murdering their own people en masse? "The Corridors of Power" investigates this over the past 40 years from Iraq to Syria and Bosnia to Kosovo, how did US policy leave millions to die and how did it influence World Politics Today?



[Whitstable Pearl](#) airs 4/17 at 9 p.m. and 4/19 at 11 p.m.—follows single mother Pearl (Kerry Godliman, *After Life*) as she pursues her lifelong dream to start a private detective agency, which she runs from her family restaurant in the coastal English town of Whitstable. Drawn by her caring nature, locals soon flock to her with all kinds of cases. But when a friend dies suspiciously, Pearl finds herself in conflict with a gruff new cop in town, DCI Mike McGuire (Howard Charles, *The Musketeers*). In time, the two strike up an understanding, and the possibility of a romantic relationship emerges.



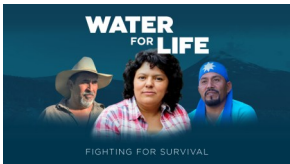
[Resistance: They Fought Back](#) airs 4/18 at 4 p.m.—People have a myth stuck in their heads that during the Holocaust, Jews went to their deaths "like sheep to the slaughter." But this is where the real story begins. Jews did not go as sheep to the slaughter. They fought back.



[Environmental Connections](#) airs 4/21 and 4/25 at 3 p.m.— host Jasmin Singer explores the climate-related topics affecting people in Rochester and beyond. From the impact of food choices and electrification to the future of rainfall and the choice of whether to have children, "Environmental Connections" discusses what matters — and what should — when it comes to environmental preservation.



[Single-Use Planet](#) airs 4/21 at 9 p.m.—Plastic is vital to our modern way of life—but not all forms of it. In search of why more single-use plastic debris enters the ocean each year despite all recycling efforts, SINGLE-USE PLANET goes upstream in the U.S. to where millions of tons of raw plastic are being made with generous government support. How have other countries solved for the pollution? The quest eventually leads to France.



[Water for Life](#) airs 4/21 at 10 p.m.—Follow Indigenous community leaders in Latin America as they face death threats and murder while fighting to save their precious water resources from mining and hydroelectric projects.



[Frontline "Alaska's Vanishing Native Villages"](#) airs 4/22 at 10 p.m.—Alaska Native villages fighting for survival against climate change. FRONTLINE and the Howard Center at ASU examine why communities are relocating and struggling to preserve their traditions.

Move to Include™ is a partnership between WXXI and the Golisano Foundation designed to promote inclusion for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Through programming and special events, WXXI and the Golisano Foundation look to build a more inclusive community by inspiring and motivating people to embrace different abilities and include all people in every aspect of community life. <https://wxxi.org/include>

Airs on WXXI-TV Cable 11/1221



A Wider World - Airs Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Disabilities Today is a positive, informative, resource for persons with disabilities, by providing current information regarding rehabilitation trends, technological advances, travel, recreation, and community based opportunities for persons or families with disabilities.

In a Different Key airs 4/4 at 3 p.m.—A mother tracks down the first person diagnosed with autism to learn if his life holds promise for her own autistic son. She documents both cruelty and kindness, but also hope that more of us are learning to have the backs of those who are different.

Understanding Autism airs 4/5 at 3 a.m.—follows Director Scott Steindorff on his journey to understand his own Autism, and in doing so discovers the incredible diversity of gifts and challenges experienced by Autistic individuals and their families.

Matter of Mind: My Parkinson's airs 4/27 at 3 p.m.—three people navigate their lives with resourcefulness and determination in the face of a degenerative illness, Parkinson's disease. An optician pursues deep brain stimulation surgery; a mother raising a pre-teen daughter becomes a boxing coach and an advocate for exercise; and a cartoonist contemplates how he will continue to draw as his motor control declines.

Did you know that many PBS videos have audio description?

Audio Description (AD) or Descriptive Video Service (DVS) is a secondary audio track that describes what's appearing on screen during a video. This option is made available to audiences who are blind or visually impaired.

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Visit [WXXI.org/AD](https://wxxi.org/AD) for more



The Inclusion Desk is a multi-platform reporting effort by WXXI News to inform and transform attitudes and behavior about inclusion. The Inclusion Desk grew from the **Move to Include** partnership between WXXI and the Golisano Foundation.

Find weekly stories here:
The Inclusion Desk

wxxinews.org/inclusion-desk



WXXI's Move to Include™ Collection in PBS LearningMedia provides videos targeted for grades 5-12 to inspire and motivate people to embrace different abilities and include all people in every aspect of community life. Move to Include also seeks to elevate the voices of people with different abilities in telling their own stories. Go to:

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/move-to-include/>
Self-Paced Professional Development Collection:

- [Understanding and Supporting Youth with Challenging Behaviors](#)
- [How to Support Students Through the Best Buddies Model to produce Digital Stories](#)



Carl the Collector—This new animated series for children ages 4-8 follows the everyday adventures of Carl, a warm-hearted autistic raccoon who loves collecting things. His talents – a laser-focus pursuit of his goals, attention to detail, and a distinctive way of looking at and experiencing the world around him – have helped him amass a collection for just about every occasion and come in handy for solving problems around the neighborhood with his friends. Carl has a lot of energy and is logical and precise, yet he often struggles with anxiety in new situations and has difficulty when things don't go according to plan. Like all of his friends, he is learning that there is no right or wrong way to be himself. **Carl the Collector** airs daily at 8:30 a.m. on [WXXI-TV and on the Live Stream](#), daily at 11 a.m. on [WXXI PBS KIDS & Live Stream](#) and anytime on the [PBS KIDS Video app](#).

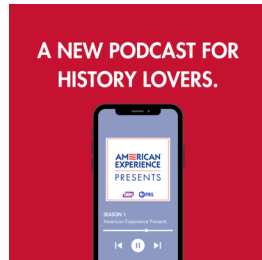
American Experience "Change, Not Charity: The History of the ADA" Disabled people, their loved ones and their allies march from the White House to the U.S. Capitol on March 13, 1990, to protest the lack of support for the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Available On-Demand through 8/1/25 with CC, ASL and Audio Described versions



EDUCATION NEWS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

American Experience Presents" brings a fresh take on the iconic stories told on TV's most-watched history series.



"This anthology launches with the compelling stories of Joseph McCarthy, William Randolph Hearst, and Sgt. Isaac Woodard. This new GBH podcast explores their profound impact on 20th-century America. Episodes will be available every Wednesday on all major podcast platforms including [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon Music](#).

PBS NEWSHOUR CLASSROOM

Classroom features [daily news lessons](#) based on [PBS NewsHour](#), full-length video-based lesson plans and opportunities for teachers and students to be published on [Classroom Voices](#)



The **U.S. History Collection** on PBS LearningMedia is a comprehensive collection of media-rich educational resources that span the breadth of core topics and periods in U.S. History. With resources from AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, other public media productions, and original content, the Collection supports students in using historical thinking skills to construct meaning out of a past composed of multiple perspectives and stories. The Collection enables teachers and students of U.S. History (grades 6–12) to use media to teach and learn the topics and themes covered in most standard middle and high school U.S. History classes.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/us-history-collection/home/>

CIVICS Education from PBS LearningMedia



The Civics Collection is designed to help you empower your student citizens, to teach your middle or high school students about American citizenship, our constitutional democracy, and the complexities of our government with a robust set of media-rich educational resources. Students will see themselves and their communities reflected in media featuring multiple perspectives and stories.

The Civics Collection (Grades 5-12)

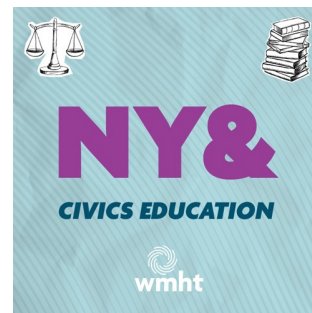
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Browse by Topics:

- Foundations of American Constitutional Democracy
- The Structure of Our Government
- Constitutional Amendments and Interpretations
- Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities
- Social and Economic Policy
- Power and Influence In Our Government

Browse By Civic Skill:

- Identifying and Applying Civic Knowledge
- Building Media Literacy
- Engaging in Civil Discourse
- Analyzing Civic Engagement
- Understanding the Lawmaking Process
- Assessing American Democracy



NY & Civics Education: (Grades 3-8): Learn about New York State government and how it works. <https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/ny-and-civics-collection/>

WXXI Topic Collections of films and resources by & about individuals amplifying and affirming voices across the country and around the globe. Watch on-air, stream online and share the voices, the stories from our partners in public media.

- **Black Heritage and Culture:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/black-heritage-and-culture/>
- **Move to Include: Inclusion of Those with Disabilities:** <https://www.wxxi.org/projects/move-to-include/>
- **Women’s History and Issues Today:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/womens-history/>
- **Hispanic/Latinx Heritage & Culture:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/hispanic-heritage/>
- **Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/asian-and-pacific-islander-heritage/>
- **Native American Culture & Heritage:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/native-american/>
- **LGBTQIA+ Culture, Heritage & Pride:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/lgbtqia-culture-heritage-and-pride/>
- **Aging Together in New York:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/aging-together-in-new-york/>
- **Mental Health:** <https://www.wxxi.org/topics/teen-mental-health/>
- **Veterans Connection:** <https://www.wxxi.org/projects/veterans-connections/>



[The Cure for Hate](#) airs 4/7 at 9 p.m.—In recent years hatred has dominated headlines and national conversation unlike anything seen for decades – a chilling wake up call for those that had convinced themselves such days were behind us. With hate crimes and hate group activity in ascendancy, and an alarming vitriolic shift in public discourse around issues of race and nationalism, the question so many seem to be asking is “how did we get here, and how do we turn back the tide?” Tony McAleer has spent over a decade helping others to understand the dynamics of hate. He should know: in the 1980s, he was deeply involved in the neo-Nazi White Aryan Resistance, anti-immigrant activism, Holocaust denial and street violence. In the 1990s, he attracted increasing notoriety through a series of publicity stunts and by running a white supremacist phone line. His pathway back was a long, lonely and difficult one – an experience that led to him and a small group of other formers to create the organization Life After Hate in order to help others exit hate groups with more support and greater success



[We Want the Funk](#) airs 4/8 at 9 p.m.—is a syncopated voyage through the history of funk music, spanning from African, soul, and early jazz roots, to its rise into the public consciousness. Featuring James Brown’s dynamism, the extraterrestrial funk of George Clinton’s Parliament Funkadelic, transformed girl group Labelle, and Fela Kuti’s Afrobeat, the story also traces funk’s influences on both new wave and hip-hop.



[Never Drop The Ball](#) airs 4/11 at 3 p.m.—Explore the journey of Black baseball players during decades of exclusion from Major League Baseball, culminating in Jackie Robinson’s 1947 success. Their passion for the game led to the creation of the Negro Major League and Negro American League. Set in an era when Major League Baseball began but was segregated, these players’ love for the game transcended Jim Crow laws and adversity.



[Chic Featuring Nile Rodgers Jazz a Vienne](#) airs 4/12 at 5 p.m.—Filmed at the 2013 Jazz a Vienne music festival in France, this concert features Chic and Nile Rodgers as they perform a selection of famous songs by Diana Ross and Sister Sledge, plus a few of their own hits such as “Everybody Dance,” “Le Freak” and “Good Times.”



[Justice in Chester](#) airs 4/23 at 4:30 a.m.—During the 1990s, residents in Chester, Pennsylvania, a predominantly poor African-American community, organized a movement to stop the ongoing permitting of waste treatment facilities in their city. The decades-long history of increasing pollution, grievances and the grassroots struggle to halt the city’s clustering of commercial and hazardous waste facilities is chronicled in this documentary.

Specials CLASSICAL 91.5:

Words and Music of Black America, Wed 4/16, 12:00-1:00pm. In recognition of National Poetry Month, host Andrea Blain presents a special program pairing music and texts by Black composers and poets that raise issues of civil rights, social justice, racial divides and freedom in diverse and sometimes surprising ways.

LIVE SIMULCAST FROM CARNEGIE HALL, NYC, Sun 4/27, 2:00-??pm Anthony Parnter leads the Gateways Festival Orchestra in a program that features Dvorak's Eight Symphony, William Levi Dawson's *Negro Folk Symphony* and the premier of a newly commissioned work by Damian Sneed that sets five negro spirituals and features Grammy-winning mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges. Hosted by WQXR's John Schaefer and Jeff Spurgeon.



Metropolitan Opera schedule:

- 4/5 **Oswaldo Golijov:** *Ainadamar* (archive)
- 4/12 **Mozart:** *Die Zauberflöte* (live)
- 4/19 **Rossini:** *L' Assedio di Corinto* (archive)
- 4/26 **Mozart:** *La Nozze di Figaro* **LIVE in HD**

Evan Dawson talks about what matters to you on **Connections**, every weekday from noon-2 p.m. Be part of the program with questions or comments by phone at 1-844-295-TALK (8255), email, Facebook or X.com.

Do you have a story that needs to be shared? Pitch your story to Connections: <https://www.wxxinews.org/pitch-your-story-to-connections>

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Thursday, April 10 at 7pm
and Saturday, April 12 at
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COMPENSATION



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FORAGERS



95 YEARS OF THE LITTLE
Thursday, April 17 at 7:30pm
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STAFF PICKS
Monday, April 21 at 7:30pm
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Selected by Lucas.



SO FETCH
Friday, April 25 at 7:30pm
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WXXI veterans connections

Helping bridge military and veteran needs
with community support and awareness

ABOUT: To draw awareness to and address the needs of local veterans has put together this website of resources and programming to assist veterans and also help the community better understand their experiences, challenges, strengths and opportunities.

Our Goal: Helping bridge military and veteran needs with community support and awareness.

- Create a community platform that shares veterans perspectives and programs
- Raise awareness of issues and educate the community about what veterans and their families face.

Use WXXI/Little programming and outreach to connect veterans and their families with area resources.

<https://www.wxxi.org/veterans>

AIRS ON WXXI-HD

[The Vietnam War](#) airs beginning on 4/13 at 1 p.m.—Ken Burns and Lynn Novick’s ten-part, 18-hour documentary series, *The Vietnam War*, tells the epic story of one of the most consequential, divisive, and controversial events in American history as it has never before been told on film. Visceral and immersive, the series explores the human dimensions of the war through revelatory testimony of nearly 80 witnesses from all sides—Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as combatants and civilians from North and South Vietnam.

[The Misty Experiment: the Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail](#) airs 4/20 at 3 p.m.—The story of the special U.S. Air Force squadron whose pilots volunteered for one of the Vietnam War’s most dangerous air missions. Their assignment: search for enemy supply transports and anti-aircraft installations concealed within the web of trail paths and waterways collectively known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The squadron also directed rescue operations for U.S. and allied aircrews shot down.

ON DEMAND

[VETERANS COMING HOME: CAREERS](#) showcases veterans finding new career paths and adapting to the civilian work world.

[THE PEOPLE’S PROTECTORS](#)—Native American veterans reflect on their experiences in the military during the Vietnam War. Years later these veterans reflect on the agony of war and how their communities helped them carry their warrior legacy proudly. Even as they struggled with their relationship to the United States government from past oppression; the Dakota, Lakota, and Ojibwe warriors still felt compelled to honor their duty to their people as Akichita | Ogichidaag| Warriors, as protectors of the people. Funding provided by Vision Maker Media and The Mark and Mary Davis Foundation.

ADULT LITERACY NEWS

Adult Literacy - Video On-Demand

Classroom Resources



The topics found in this collection include instructional resources designed specifically for the adult education field. Resources include videos, printable handouts, and self-paced lessons. Learners can study math, reading, and critical thinking skills, and find materials to help them prepare for their high school equivalency tests https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/ketae_instr/

Dropping Back In On-Demand A program series designed to get young dropouts back on course. <https://wxxi.org/highlights/dropping-back-in-ondemand/>

TV 411

Series Description: The series provides practical literacy and life skills focusing on parenting, money matters and health. Watch here: <http://www.tv411.org/>

Adult Education Collections on PBS LearningMedia
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Veteran Videos & Classroom Resources



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On-Demand Stories & Videos
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